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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Jan-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 01/08/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/01/05
BRO-FRY	164,938	135,098
LT HENS	1,521	1,348
HVY HENS	1,474	1,269

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 25-Dec-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	174	11	185
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	292	0	292
Same week yr ago	88	7	95
To-date/2004	12,490	159	12,649
To-date/2003	10,864	155	11,019

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,276	1,186	2,462
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,791	1,462	3,253
Same week yr ago	1,006	815	1,821
To-date/2004	82,003	69,381	151,384
To-date/2003	82,580	71,147	153,727

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 25-Dec-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	137,675	1,345	1,287	2,632
Avg Wt	5.33	3.32	8.01	5.61
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	125,118	1,102	1,175	2,277
Same wk yr ago	134,816	1,118	898	2,016
Avg Wt	5.15	3.19	7.95	5.31
To-date/2004	8,092,572	70,858	70,509	141,367
To-date/2003	7,940,300	72,834	71,890	144,724

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 139.3 million head or 13.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 18-Dec-04

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	19,829	12,909	34,453
Avg Weight	3.81	4.78	6.32
% of total /1	30%	19%	51%
 Last week	 25,138	 23,083	 45,646
Avg Weight	3.56	4.73	6.37
% of total /1	27%	25%	49%
 Same week, yr ago /2	 20,542	 19,674	 27,559
Avg Weight	3.77	4.70	6.27
% of total /1	30%	29%	41%
 To date/2004	 1,317,686	 1,066,584	 2,336,124
To date/2003	1,181,766	1,223,467	2,231,127

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 25-Dec-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,157	1,878	22	11	3,068
Avg Wt	16.28	38.94	25.36	27.95	30.26
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,180	1,628	10	0	2,818
Same wk yr ago	1,347	1,786	17	13	3,163
Avg Wt	15.51	37.67	25.16	30.23	27.99
To-date/2004	89,574	131,604	2,569	364	224,111
To-date/2003	98,202	141,048	3,138	611	242,999

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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